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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional  
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of  
pending prior Application No. 09/446,313 filed on December 20,  
1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by  
reference,  
by

Yo YAMATO, Masayuki YAMAZAKI

for

NOX REDUCING METHOD

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,  
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if  
applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$750.00	\$375.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE      FEE	RATE      FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	6-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2-3 =	0	x 84 = \$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
TOTAL			\$750.00	\$0.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☒ Enclosed is/are two (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/446,313 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd..
8. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ filed in Japan on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9b. ☒ Priority of International Appln. PCT/JP99/00680 filed on February 17, 1999 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Japanese Application Nos. 10-109432, 10-170860 and 10-320269 filed in Japan on April 20, 1998,

June 18, 1998 and November 11, 1998, respectively under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 forms are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

11. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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12. ☐ An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/446,313 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

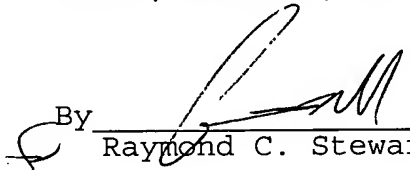
13. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:


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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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